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- If NO period for response is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to respond within the set or extended period for response will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12-03-03.
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- ☒ Claim(s) is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

CLAIMS

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 1-3, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hsu (US 5694468).

Regarding claim 1, Hsu shows a cellphone holder (10) comprising:

A body part (14);

A bottom part (13);

A locking mechanism (12, see fig. 2) comprising two L-shaped locking elements (121, 122) having flat surfaces (see 15) for clamping a cellphone solely by means of friction between the locking elements (121, 122) and the shell of the phone.

Regarding claims 2-3, 10, Hsu shows:

The locking elements comprising clamping surfaces (15), locking surfaces (18, 21) and pins (107);

The clamping surfaces (121, 122) and locking surfaces (18, 21) are thermoplastic material;

Attaching (112) the cellphone to an object.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wijas (US 5463688) in view of Hus.

Regarding claim 1, Wijas shows a cellphone holder (100) comprising:

A body part (101);

A bottom part (102);

A locking mechanism (130, 140) comprising two L-shaped locking elements (130, 140) for clamping a cellphone by means of friction between the locking elements (121, 122) and the shell of the phone.

Wijas differs from the claimed invention in that the two L-shaped locking elements (130, 140) do not have flat surfaces for clamping a cellphone solely by means of friction.

However, Hus, in the same field of endeavor, teaches providing two L-shaped locking elements (121, 122) having flat surfaces (see 15) for clamping a cellphone solely by means of friction.

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Hence, although Wijas' clamp has re-enforce features, such as the notches (404), however, the concept of clamping the phone onto the holder is well taught by both Wijas and Hus. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to use Wijas as it is, or to adapt Hus' clamp into Wijas, this simple can be considered as a variation of Wijas, because the basic concept of clamping is substantially unchanged, and both Wijas and Hus teach substantially a similar clamp.

Regarding claims 2-10, the combination of Wijas and Hus shows:

The locking elements (130, 140 in Wijas) comprising clamping surfaces (132), locking surfaces (134) and pins (133);

Two sockets (126), a release spring (175), two leaf springs (181, 182);

Attaching (113) the phone to an object;

The clamping surfaces (132) and locking surfaces (134) are thermoplastic material;

Two release pushers (162, 163);

A locking frame (150);

Locking claws (157, 158);

The button (162, 163);

An arm portion and a pushing (161, 168), and a fork (165);

The locking frame (150) comprising two parallel parts (154), a swing axle (156), two spring counterparts (155).

ARGUMENT

5. In response to the remarks (pages 5-8), applicant mainly argues that claim 1 is now claiming "the locking mechanism comprising two L-shaped locking elements having flat surfaces for clamping a cellphone solely by means of friction between the locking elements and the shell of the phone", and claim 1 is not anticipated by Humphreys and Wijas. The examiner agrees with applicant. The 102 rejections under Humphreys and Wijas have been withdrawn. The above argument is now answered by the rejections above, see comments above.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

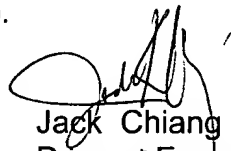
7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jack Chiang whose telephone number is 703-305-4728. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. – Fri. from 8:00 to 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on 703-305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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